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Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF34-3A1 Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for General Electric Company (GE) CF34-3A1 turbofan engines with certain high pressure turbine (HPT) rotating components installed. This proposed AD results from the discovery that the manufacturer removed certain part numbers of HPT rotating components from the Life Limits section of the CF34 Engine Manual, SEI-756. We are proposing this AD to clarify that these HPT rotating components have life limits in order to prevent low cycle fatigue (LCF) cracking and failure of those components, leading to uncontained engine failure and damage to the airplane.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

DOT Docket web site: Go to http://dms.dot.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

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